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(54) Holder for Cosmetic Sticks

(57) A holder for lipsticks (9) has a tubular body (1) into each end of which a lipstick carrier (7) is insertable. The tubular body is

provided with a separator plate (4) therein to prevent the lipsticks in each carrier contacting each other. Preferably the tubular body is opaque with a transparent portion (3) in the region of the separator plate.

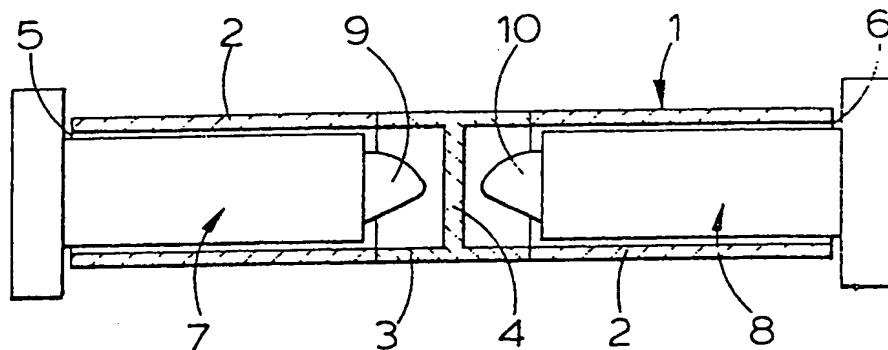


Fig. 2

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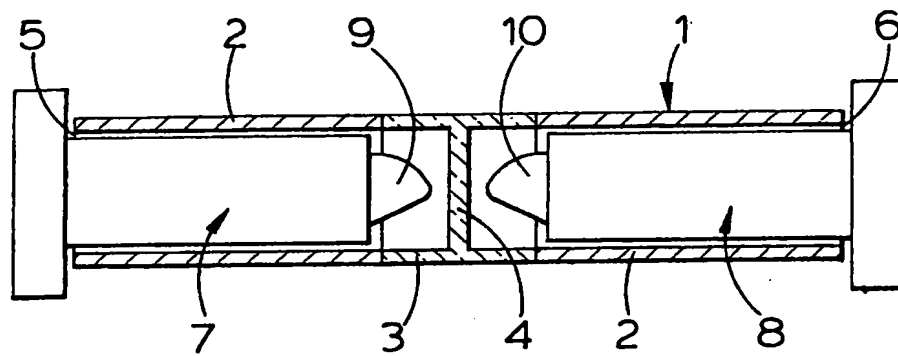
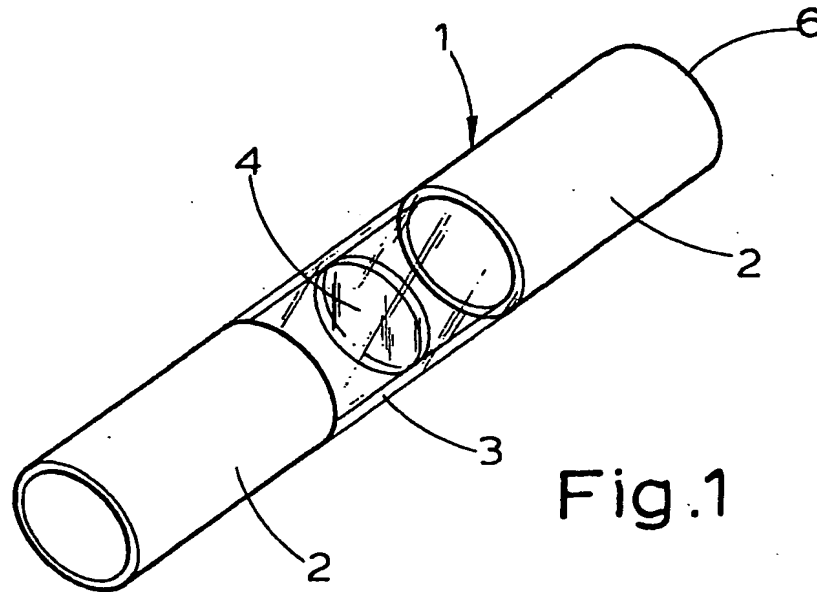


Fig. 2

SPECIFICATION

Holder for Cosmetic Sticks

This invention relates to holders for cosmetic sticks such as lipsticks or other solid soft materials and conveniently provides a holder for two lipsticks of different shades.

One known such holder comprises a tubular sleeve or body which is open at both ends. Inserted at each end is a carrier for the cosmetic stick, which carrier is provided with a base which projects from the end of the sleeve. The carrier is conveniently provided with lugs by which the lipstick is movable relative to the carrier. However, the disadvantage of such a construction is that in use lipsticks, for example, are often left in an extended position on the carrier or alternatively the base of the carrier can be accidentally twisted causing the lipstick to move to an extended position when the carrier is located in the holder. Consequently, it is possible for the lipsticks of the opposed carriers in a holder to touch and thereby smear on the end of the opposed lipstick material of the other lipstick. This is a particular problem when the holder is provided with lipsticks of different shades, since the appearance of each lipstick will be unappealing and unusable.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a holder for lipsticks in which such problems are substantially overcome.

According to the present invention there is provided a holder for cosmetic sticks, including a tubular body open at each end for receiving therein a carrier for a cosmetic stick and separator means located substantially centrally of, and extending transversely across, the tubular body.

Preferably, the tubular body comprises a central transparent portion and two opaque end portions.

Preferably, the separator means is located centrally of the transparent body portion.

In the preferred embodiment of the invention the separator means comprises a plate. The plate has the same cross-sectional shape as that of the tubular holder. Conveniently, the plate is integrally moulded with the tubular body.

Preferably, the holder includes a carrier for a cosmetic stick at each end thereof. Each carrier is provided with a socket for a cosmetic stick, the socket being retractable within the carrier to move the cosmetic stick between an extended and non-extended positions. Conveniently, each cosmetic stick is a lipstick.

An embodiment of the present invention will now be described by way of example with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a holder according to the invention without carriers for cosmetic sticks, and

Figure 2 is a part-sectional side elevational view of the holder of Figure 1 with a carrier and a cosmetic stick inserted in the holder at each end thereof.

Referring now particularly to Figure 1 there is shown a tubular holder 1 having a circular cross section. The holder 1 is generally formed of a plastics material in the present embodiment is formed of two end portions 2 of an opaque plastics material and a centre portion 3 of a transparent plastics material. The centre and end portions are fixed together by suitable moulding process or alternatively the abutting surfaces are made to bind together under extreme heat conditions, or the portions may be glued together.

Inside the tubular holder, transverse to the longitudinal axis thereof, is located a plate 4 of the same transparent plastics material as that forming the centre portion 3.

Each end 5, 6 of the tubular holder 1 receives, as shown in Figure 2, a carrier 7, 8 having a cosmetic stick, preferably a lipstick bullet, 9, 10 provided therein.

The carriers 7, 8 may be of any known construction in which the lipstick bullet or other solid soft material is movable relative to the carrier by a suitable mechanism located on the carrier. Accordingly, no further description will be given of the carrier or the mechanism by which a lipstick is moved relative thereto.

In use the plate 4 serves to prevent the lipstick bullets 9, 10 touching each other should one or the other of the carriers 7, 8 be inserted into the holder 1 with its lipstick bullet in an extended position, or alternatively, if the lipstick bullets are accidentally moved to their extended position. Such extended lipstick bullets will of course touch only the respective side surface of the plate 4 and cannot contact the other lipstick.

Although the above embodiment of a holder according to the present invention has been described with reference to a tube having two opaque portions and a central joining transparent portion, it is of course possible for the tubular holder to be formed of a single opaque plastics material or indeed any other material such as metal for example. Alternatively, the tubular holder may be formed similarly to the described embodiment but from a combination of metal and glass. Furthermore, the tubular holder may have any cross-sectional shape although circular is the most convenient.

The holder 1 can be formed so that the plate 4, instead of being located within the holder substantially centrally thereof, is located between two parts defining the central portion, which are arranged to butt on either side of the plate 4 which has a diameter equal to the external diameter of the holder 1. Alternatively, the plate 4 is integrally moulded as part of the central portion 3.

The plate 4 is preferably located at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the holder 1 but may conveniently be located at any other angle of less than 45° for example to the transverse direction of the plate at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the holder 1. Furthermore, the plate 4 may be of a different plastics material or other material to that of that of the centre portion 3 and may be

opaque while the centre portion 3 is transparent.

- Conveniently, the plate 4 may comprise two such plates located back to back and of different colours, each colour indicating the colour or shade of the lipstick bullet at that side of the holder.

Claims

1. A holder for cosmetic sticks, including a tubular body open at each end for receiving therein a carrier for a cosmetic stick and separator means located substantially centrally of, and extending transversely across the tubular body.
2. A holder as claimed in claim 1, wherein the tubular body comprises a central transparent portion and two opaque end portions.
3. A holder as claimed in claim 2, wherein the separator means is located centrally of the transparent body portion.
4. A holder as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the separator means comprises a plate.
5. A holder as claimed in claim 4, wherein the plate has the same cross-sectional shape as that of the tubular body.

6. A holder as claimed in claim 4 or 5, wherein the plate is integrally moulded with the tubular body.

7. A holder as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the separator means is substantially at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the tubular body.

8. A holder as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, including a carrier at each end of the holder having a cosmetic stick located therein.

9. A holder as claimed in claim 8, wherein the cosmetic stick is located in a socket in each carrier, the socket being movable to adjust the position of the cosmetic stick relative to its respective carrier.

10. A holder as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the cosmetic stick is a lipstick bullet.

11. A holder substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to, and as illustrated in Figure 1 and Figure 2 of the accompanying drawings.

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